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# Hazard Mitigation Assistance Overview



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# Hazard Mitigation

**Hazard mitigation** is defined as long-term, independent solutions to reduce future risk to life and property from **natural hazard** events.

## MITIGATE HAZARDS



This is an on-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters and serves to break the cycle of repeated damage and repair.

# Hazard Mitigation Assistance Funding Authorization

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** Funding for California hazard mitigation actions. Available as result of major disaster declarations. Ongoing acceptance of proposals (Notice of Interest)
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC):** Annual, nationally-competitive program funding mitigation actions. Process starts each year in August
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):** Annual, nationally-competitive program funding mitigation actions that protect properties insured by National Flood Insurance Program. Process starts each year in August.

# Current Funding Opportunity

- HMGP DR-4683 and DR-4699\*:
  - NOI (proposal) due May 10, 2023
  - Early Subapplication for Plans due June 10, 2023
  - All Subapplications due August 4, 2023
  - All Counties and all Project Types are eligible
  - 75% Federal Share/25% Non-Federal Share

\*DR-4699 is subject to FEMA's new 2023 Guidance

# Eligibility Requirements

- Be an eligible subapplicant:
  - State Agencies
  - Local Governments: Counties, Cities, Towns, etc.
  - Special Districts
  - Federally Recognized Tribes
  - Private Nonprofit Organizations (PNPs) (not eligible for BRIC/FMA)
- Must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) or Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)
  - PNPs in HMGP are exempt from this requirement

# Eligibility Requirements

- Long-term, stand-alone solution to reduce the risk to people and property from natural hazards
- Projects must be cost-effective using FEMA's Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Toolkit software version 6.0 resulting in a benefit cost ratio of 1.0 or greater
- 25% non-federal match required (< w/ Prepare CA)
- 36-month Period of Performance (soon to be 48)
- Must obtain environmental clearance - CEQA/NEPA
- **NO CONSTRUCTION** or ground disturbance prior to FEMA approval

# Planning Requirements

- For HMGP, must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted LHMP **at time of award**
- For BRIC, FMA, and PDM, must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted LHMP at **time of application** and at **time of award**
- LHMPs are valid for **5 years** (check expiration date)
- Hazard types of proposed project must be identified and consistent with the LHMP

# Eligible Planning Activities

- New Local Hazard Mitigation plans or updates:  
Local, Single, Multi-jurisdiction, or Tribal
  - Federal share for a LHMP for a single entity, or for other planning-related activity is capped at \$150,000
  - Federal share for a MJHMP of 2 to 4 jurisdictions is capped at \$200,000
  - 5 to 9 jurisdictions capped at \$250,000
  - 10 or more jurisdictions capped at \$300,000
- Other planning-related activities
  - Safety element incorporation into general plan
  - Integrating hazard mitigation into other planning efforts

# Mitigation Activities

## Wildfire

- Hazardous fuels reduction/vegetation management
- Defensible space
- Ignition resistant construction

## Flood

- Drainage
- Elevation

## Earthquake

- Structural and non-structural retrofits

# Ineligible Activities

- **Projects where actual physical work has occurred prior to approval (groundbreaking, demolition, construction, etc.)**
- Projects that do not reduce risk to human life, structures, or improved infrastructure
- Projects that are dependent on a contingent action in order to be effective



# Ineligible Activities

- Preparedness activities or temporary measures
- Projects that address the operation, deferred/future maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, or replacement of existing structures, facilities, and/or infrastructure **without increasing the level of protection**

# Subapplication Process

- Request a Project Scoping Call
- Submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) – accepted anytime, priority given to subapplicants who submit by deadlines
- NOI reviewed by Cal OES, subapplicants with eligible activities will be invited to attend a subapplication development webinar/workshops
- Subapplication submitted to Cal OES
- Cal OES reviews subapplications
  - Request for Information (RFI)
- Cal OES submits app. with subapp's to FEMA
  - FEMA may have additional RFIs

# HM Funding Programs

- BRIC/FMA available Late Summer Early Fall 2023
  - Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for BRIC and FMA
  - Competitive nationwide
  - <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/pre-disaster-flood-mitigation>
- When California has a new Presidential Major Disaster Declaration it will be posted on the website
  - NOI may be submitted anytime
  - <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/hmgrp>

# Resources

- [Link to HMA Guidance](#)
- [Link to HMA Guidance Addendum](#)
- [Link to 2 CFR 200](#)  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/13/2020-17468/guidance-for-grants-and-agreements>
- [Link to 44 CFR - Emergency Management and Assistance](#)
- FEMA help guide:
  - [Link to FEMA Procurement Standards – Job Aid](#)
- BCA Technical Assistance:
  - (855) 540-6744
  - [Click here to email FEMA's BCA Helpline](#)



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